

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:242

ANSWERED ON:10.08.2006

RAIL FREIGHT CORRIDOR .

Mistry Shri Madhusudan Devram;Pathak Shri Harin

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether any feasibility study report from RITES for the proposed rail freight corridors on Delhi-Mumbai and Delhi- Howrah routes have been received by the Government;
- (b) If so, the details and the findings thereof;
- (c) Whether the Union Government has received any proposals from various State Governments, particularly from Gujarat, for providing connectivity in the proposed freight corridors;
- (d) If so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (e) The action taken/proposed to be taken by the Railways in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI LALU PRASAD)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 242 BY SHRI HARIN PATHAK AND SHRI MADHUSUDAN MISTRY TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 10.8.2006 REGARDING RAIL FREIGHT CORRIDOR

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. The Feasibility Study for development of Dedicated Multimodal High Axle Load Freight Corridors with Computerized Train Control System on Western and Eastern Routes was completed by RITES in January 2006. The cost of the project is estimated as Rs. 22,000 crores approximately. The Feasibility Study has concluded that the projects are financially viable.

(c) to (e): In May 2005, Government of Gujarat had proposed to route Western Corridor from Mumbai to Delhi via Vadodara, Ahmedabad and Palanpur so as to provide rail connectivity to Ports located in Gujarat. The proposed route of Western Corridor is in accordance with the suggestion of Government of Gujarat. In September 2005, Government of Punjab had represented for extension of Dedicated Freight Corridor from Delhi to Amritsar. It has been decided that the Dedicated Freight Corridor on Eastern route will originate from Ludhiana in Punjab on the basis of Feasibility Study done by RITES.